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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives: House of Representatives, Washington, DC, August 31, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI, Speaker, House of Representatives,

Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Debra Bowen, Secretary of State of California, indicating that, at the Special Election held on August 21, 2007, the Honorable Laura Richardson was duly elected Representative in Congress for the Thirty-Seventh Congressional District, State of California.

With best wishes, I am Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

Enclosure.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

I, Debra Bowen, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify: That according to the official canvass of votes cast in the Special General Election held on the 21st day of August, 2007 in the 37th Congressional District, Laura Richardson was elected to the office of United States Representative, District 37 for the term prescribed by law

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE LAURA RICHARDSON, OF CALI-FORNIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will Representativeelect RICHARDSON and the Members of the California delegation present themselves in the well.

Ms. RICHARDSON appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 110th Congress.

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WELCOMING THE HONORABLE LAURA RICHARDSON TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. STARK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, as the dean of the California delegation, it's my privilege, my honor and distinct pleasure to introduce the newest member of our California delegation, LAURA RICHARDSON, elected to California's 37th Congressional District in a special election held just recently. LAURA RICHARDSON is a passionate critic of the war in Iraq, a supporter of universal health care, and a welcome addition to our delegation.

After three terms on the Long Beach City Council and several years as director for Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, Laura was elected to the California State Assembly last November. And less than a year later, she won a special election to succeed our dear departed colleague, Juanita Millender-McDonald, and joins us here. It is a distinction that she is one of the few people in the history of this country to serve both in a local, State and Federal post within 1 year. She worked for Juanita as a field deputy, and she will continue her important work to ensure that all Americans can participate in a fair and free electoral process.

LAURA's career has many highlights. While on the city council, she was responsible for bringing Long Beach's inner city its first job training center for working families; she championed economic development and improved upon transportation services. And dear to my heart, she helped open the first new bank in the city's central area since the 1992 riots.

In the assembly, she became the first African American woman to serve as the Assistant Speaker pro tempore. In the House, she will keep California's Democratic delegation a majority female; of our 34 members, 18 are women.

She is a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and she joins us as an effective voice for working families in Congress. I look forward to working with her to improve health care for everyone and address the disparities in our health care system, issues I know are important to her and should be to all of us.

At this time, I yield to my distinguished colleague and senior Member from the Republican delegation of California.

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

I would like to join with our colleague in extending congratulations on behalf of all Republican Members to our new colleague, Ms. RICHARDSON.

We were all saddened by the untimely passing of our friend and former colleague, Juanita Millender-McDonald, but knowing that her former field deputy is going to be representing her I know would make Juanita extraordinarily proud. And to go from the city council to the State legislature to the United States Congress within a 1-year period of time is a very, very impressive accomplishment.

And I will say that I know the California delegation will continue to work together in a bipartisan way. And we look forward to welcoming Ms. RICHARDSON as part of that effort.

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, at this time I would like to yield the balance of my time to the Honorable LAURA RICHARDSON, Representative of California's 37th Congressional District.

Ms. RICHARDSON. Speaker Pelosi, Leaders Hoyer, Clyburn, Emanuel, Becerra, Caucus Chairs Lofgren, Kil-Patrick, Baca and Honda, the California delegation, thank you all for meeting with me, kind of putting me under your wing, and really sharing your pearls of wisdom.

To Congresswoman WATERS, for the last 120 days you have been tirelessly, unrelentingly instructive and even graciously transparent in your efforts to help me to get here. Thank you.

To my supporters and friends and family in the gallery, my consultant, manager, labor brothers and sisters, volunteers, friends and staff, I will individually thank you in the reception that will follow, but I would be remiss to not publicly acknowledge the dedicated work that you did to get me here. Thank you very much.

To my new colleagues, yes, on both sides of the aisle, it is my desire to establish a reputation to be a Member's Member. What that means to me is to be a hard worker, to be responsive, to be straightforward and honest, even if we disagree; and I hear that happens a few times here. You know, or you will learn to know, that I will keep my word.

To the constituents of the California 37th Congressional District, my job will be to focus as much on the war in America, the war of crime, poverty, inadequate health care, failing education, crumbling infrastructure, and sparse development as much as I will focus on the war in Iraq.

My job will be to prove that the poor aren't just poor because they want to be or because they don't want to work, that with job training and livable wages, not all urban youth choose gang life, and that blighted areas are not a result of "white flight." Rather, they're a result of lack of investments and revitalization.

I also believe I have a responsibility to unveil the shameful sin of injustice, inequality and inequities that still do exist, and I've seen them and lived them, in this wonderful country today.

To the McDonald family, I will always be grateful to Congresswoman McDonald, who first hired me and trained me over 10 years ago. As a staffer, I almost got fired my first week because I left her in a church. And I fondly recall her saying to me, "I guess I can't throw the baby out with the bath water." I respectfully stand today on her legacy as I reach towards my own destiny.

Finally, to the God that I serve and to my family who support me and love me dearly, my mother, my sister, my uncle, my nephew, haven't we come a mighty long way? My maternal grandparents, who emigrated here freely from Ireland and from Germany, and yet my fraternal grandparents, completely the opposite, who came here forcibly in chains and centuries of bondage. Who would have thought that the cost had a price that would require my payment?

A seed of hope, yet equally a seed of despair, a seed of opportunity, yet equally a seed of why I can't, a seed of love that was met with seeds of hate. Who would have thought, I guess those who built and have served in this sa-

cred Chamber, many of you, that after all, that's what this place is for. For a girl like me at the age of six, who chose, after watching and living the civil rights movement, that really those of us who lived through the pains of struggle would one day have an opportunity to make sure that everyone really was free. I welcome this responsibility. Thank you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentlewoman from California, the whole number of the House is 434.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.
There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2669, COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT OF 2007

 $\begin{array}{c} {\tt MOTION~TO~INSTRUCT~OFFERED~BY~MR.} \\ {\tt HOEKSTRA} \end{array}$ 

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to instruct on H.R. 2669 offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion. The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion to instruct.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 305, nays 83, not voting 45, as follows:

# [Roll No. 849]

# $YEAS\!\!-\!\!305$

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